

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JIMMY DALE WILLIAMS
FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE
WITH GENERAL DYNAMICS

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jimmy Dale Williams' life of work with General Dynamics. Since the beginning of his career, Williams has been a leader for some of the most influential of defense projects.

For nearly 54 years, Williams has been the lead worker on the Hydra 70 Rocket Motor line, starting his career in 1966 with Baldwin Electronics. He started by hand stenciling the lot numbers on each rocket motor, and by the mid-1970s, he was running the project developing the 267 and 261 warheads. After a transfer to Hitech in 1996, Williams began supervising and training workers for the production of the Hydra 70 rocket motor.

In addition to his years of service in the defense industry, Williams also serves as a justice of the peace for Calhoun County Quorum Court. A respected member of his community and a dedicated servant, he states that his determination comes from watching his own family. With brothers that served in the Air Force, Army and Marines during the Vietnam era, Williams says their service is what played the greatest part in his decision to dedicate his life to the work of supplying military ammunition.

It is in Mr. Williams' life that we find the shining example of service and patriotism. I take this time to thank him for his exemplary life and his love of country.

HONORING RANDY SCHEIDT

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Randy Scheidt for being named the 2020 Indiana Realtor of the Year from the Indiana Commercial Board of Realtors.

Randy is a chair on the MIBOR Realtor Association Economic Development Council and its foundation.

Forty years ago, Randy founded Don R. Scheidt & Co. and started the Scheidt Commercial Realty LLC in 2019.

Randy is from my hometown of Columbus, IN and is a member of the Rotary Club and serves as the Riley Children's South-Central Philanthropy Council senior advisor. He is a true pillar in our community.

It is an honor to call Randy a friend and I congratulate him and his family for this tremendous accomplishment.

THANKING THOMAS LEW FOR HIS
SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY DURING
WORLD WAR II

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize Thomas Lew for his courageous service to our country during World War II.

Thomas Lew is a Chinese-American veteran who bravely accepted the call to serve and protect our nation. Lew served valiantly as an expert sharpshooter in the U.S. Army's amphibious tank unit from 1943 to 1946. He achieved the rank of sergeant and completed his foreign service in Luzon, Philippines.

For far too long, our veterans of color, including Chinese-American veterans, did not receive the proper recognition they deserved. Although we will never be able to thank him enough for his service to our nation, we remain grateful to Thomas and the many veterans who have so selflessly answered the call to service.

Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I honor Thomas Lew and all Chinese-American veterans for their distinguished service to our country during World War II.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
NATHAN E. RIBELIN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of MAJ Nathan E. Ribelin, who passed away on September 12, 2020.

Nathan was born on January 20, 1979 to parents Kenneth and Beth Ribelin in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Nathan attended Petal High School in Petal, MS, and Belhaven College where he earned a baccalaureate degree in computer information systems. Nathan's patriotism began on November 23, 1996, when Nathan enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard. His commitment and dedication to our country never faltered, as he deployed overseas on three separate occasions. Nathan first deployed to Iraq as an enlisted Soldier. Following his return home, Nathan displayed his continued patriotism by attending Officer Candidate School and commissioning as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 185th Theater Aviation Brigade. Nathan's continued pride and patriotism for his country was evidenced by his second and third deployments to Afghanistan, as a Medical Evacuation Pilot, and to Kuwait, as an Aviation Brigade Intelligence Officer.

Throughout his military career, Nathan provided mentorship and leadership to soldiers at multiple levels of command while serving as a

platoon leader, section leader, and company commander. Nathan would later receive many awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Left to cherish Nathan's memory is his wife, Kerry Beth; his four children, Calvin, Felicity, Horatio, and Jubilee; his father, Ken; his brother Timothy and his wife Lauren; his brother Scott and his wife Kimberly; and a host of cousins, family and friends. Nathan will be laid to rest amongst his brothers and sisters in arms at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

RECOGNIZING JAMES JOHNSON'S
RETIREMENT FROM FOREST
HEIGHTS POST OFFICE

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. I rise today to recognize Mr. James Johnson's retirement from the Forest Heights U.S. Postal Service office in Little Rock.

Mr. Johnson served our community for 23 years at this location and was always ready and willing to help customers with their various needs.

This past April, Mr. Johnson came up with an innovative solution to combat the spread of COVID-19 at the Forest Heights Post Office.

By erecting shower curtain barriers, Mr. Johnson limited the direct contact between workers and customers, decreasing the chances of disease transmission.

His dedication to the job was only matched by the warmth and grace with which he performed his duties. He welcomed all visitors to the office with a cheerful smile and wave.

Martha and I were fortunate to get to know Mr. Johnson over the years and will certainly miss his kind and helpful nature. He is as true an example of a public servant as I have met.

I would like to thank Mr. Johnson on behalf of the entire Little Rock community and wish him the best of luck with his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
PATRICIA DE STACY HARRISON
ON BEING KNIGHTED WITH
HONOR OF "CAVALIERE" OF THE
ORDER OF MERIT OF THE
ITALIAN REPUBLIC

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. PASCRELL. I rise to recognize The Honorable Patricia de Stacy Harrison, the

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Chair of the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), on receiving the Italian honor of "Cavaliere" of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, the highest-ranking honor of the Italian Republic. On October 7, Ambassador Armando Varricchio of Italy presented this high honor to Ms. Harrison, a testament to her lifetime of extraordinary accomplishment in service of the humanities, culture, philanthropy, and diplomacy.

The granddaughter of an Italian immigrant, Ms. Harrison is a native of Brooklyn, New York and a graduate of the American University School of International Service in Washington, D.C. Thereafter, she began an enormously successful career, starting a public relations firm focused on serving the public interest in the fields of environmental, labor, and agricultural policy. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush appointed Ms. Harrison to the President's Export Council in the United States Department of Commerce.

In recognition of her prowess and expertise in the humanities and the arts, in 2001 she was appointed Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs by then-Secretary of State Colin Powell. While serving in this critical role, Ms. Harrison also assumed the position of Acting Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. Ms. Harrison then continued her public service, being appointed the Chief Executive Officer of CBP in 2005, where she continues to serve today.

Under Ms. Harrison's leadership, the CPB launched "American Graduate: Let's Make It Happen", a nationwide public media initiative to help combat the nationwide high school dropout crisis. To date, over 100 stations in 48 states are working with over 1,700 local partners and schools to help students graduate. For her work and commitment to helping young people stay on the path to a high school diploma, Ms. Harrison was honored in 2016 with a Promise of America Award from the America's Promise Alliance. Ms. Harrison's deep commitment to public media producing nonpartisan, commercial-free, educational content for the public good has ensured CPB's continued success and critical place in our society.

Ms. Harrison has drawn from her life of experience to help foster a new generation of woman leaders, authoring two books, "A Seat At The Table: An Insider's Guide for America's New Women Leaders and America's New Women Entrepreneurs." In 2019, Ms. Harrison was appointed to the voting council for the inaugural, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg Woman of Leadership Award, which recognizes the achievements of exceptional American women. Ms. Harrison is the recipient of many additional awards and honors, including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor Award and the U.S. Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award.

Ms. Harrison is a role model for Italian Americans, for women, and for anyone aspiring to make a positive difference in the world. I am proud to rise today in recognition of her receiving the more than well-deserved honor of "Cavaliere" of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic.

THANKING LIP MAR FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize Lip Mar for his courageous service to our country during World War II.

Lip Mar is a Chinese-American veteran who bravely accepted the call to protect and serve his nation. Soon after his eighteenth birthday, Mar joined the military and served as a hospital corpsman in the U.S. Navy at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, where he treated American soldiers fighting in the Pacific theater.

For far too long, our veterans of color, including Chinese-American veterans, did not receive the proper recognition they deserved for their service. Although we will never be able to thank him enough for his service to our nation, we remain grateful to Lip and the many veterans who have so selflessly answered the call to service.

Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I honor Lip Mar and all Chinese-American veterans for their distinguished service to our country during World War II.

CONGRATULATING MR. ERIC HALE FOR BEING THE 2021 TEXAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Eric Hale for becoming the first African American man bestowed with the honor of Texas Teacher of the Year in the 51 years of this award's existence.

Last month, the Texas Association of School Administrators announced that Mr. Hale had been named the 2021 Texas Teacher of the Year for his outstanding leadership and excellence in teaching kindergarten and first-grade students at David G. Burnet Elementary School.

Mr. Hale understands the challenges some of his students' face daily, from hunger, poverty, or domestic violence. He has experienced some of this in his own life growing up. He has successfully countered this negative energy thanks to his unique teaching style that is like no other. He uses music in an innovative way to engage with his students while flooding them with positivity and encouragement so that the students are able to step away from their worries for a moment and learn in a fun environment. This positivity and energy in the classroom is exactly what is needed for our students as they, just like the rest of us, navigate through this challenging time.

Mr. Hale has been recognized for his work previously as the winner of the 2019 Urban Teacher of the Year award among others. He has also had the opportunity to appear on multiple television shows including the Kelly Clarkson show and TODAY.

Madam Speaker, I am so thankful that the Dallas Independent School District is home to

one of the very best teachers in the country. I wish Mr. Hale the best of luck as he competes with other teachers around the country to receive the prestigious National Teacher of the Year award.

HONORING CITY OF LOUISVILLE
MAYOR LARRY MORGAN

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mayor Larry Morgan, a man who faithfully serves the City of Louisville located in the Tenth Congressional District of Georgia, which I have the honor of representing.

In 2007, he was duly elected as a member of the Louisville City Council, and two years later, the residents of this small, unique town chose him to serve as their mayor. Throughout the years, Mayor Morgan has demonstrated his commitment to the community by serving in various roles with his church, the county board of health, the downtown development association, the Georgia Municipal Association, the Georgia Airport Association, and the local Rotary club.

In his own words, he values the "gentle way of life that still allows time to visit and listen to each other's stories, to enjoy a leisurely meal together," and "to help out neighbors who are struggling. It's a small-town life, but not just any small town." And he's a small-town mayor, but not just any mayor.

Madam Speaker, he is a diehard Georgia Tech fan, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, a devoted Christian who is an advocate for his community, and a dear friend to our office. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mayor Larry Morgan for his devoted public service and to extend to him wishes for good health, encouragement for the future, and gratitude for his continual leadership.

RECOGNIZING THE NORTHWEST INDIANA BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2020

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I commend several remarkable leaders who have been honored as the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame Class of 2020. This year's inductees include Edward Garza, Nick Popovich, Dr. Edward Williams, and Janice Wilson. Additionally, Cimcor was presented with the Enterprise of the Year Award.

Edward Garza is the president and owner of El Popular, Inc., which holds the distinction of being the oldest Mexican-owned business in the state of Indiana. Edward is the third generation of the Garza family to carry on the Mexican food corporation, which was started by his grandfather, Vincente Garza, in 1925, in East Chicago, Indiana. In 2001, Edward purchased the company and downsized the product line to four items: chorizo, mole paste,

mole powder, and chocolate. While the business remains in East Chicago, Edward opened a second facility in Valparaiso. Under his leadership, El Popular has thrived and is looking forward to many years of continued success. Edward also gives much of his time to various charitable organizations including the Valparaiso YMCA, the League of United Latin American Citizens, and the Northwest Indiana Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Nick Popovich is the founder and president of Sage-Popovich, a global aviation and asset management firm located in Valparaiso and includes a hangar at the Gary/Chicago International Airport. The company, founded in 1979, has repossessed over 1,800 planes and helicopters throughout the years. Danger and risk are a part of the job, and Nick has seen his fair share. In 1986, he was seized by Haitian troops and spent seven days in prison after trying to repossess a plane for a bank in Port-au-Prince. Over many years, Nick continued to grow his business and adding services including consulting, asset management, expert witnessing, and part sales. In addition, the company is a licensed appraisal firm that does valuation for over 200 organizations. Sage-Popovich is currently expanding into Michigan, managing private planes for corporations and individual owners. The company gives back to the community in many ways including the transport of wounded combat veterans to medical facilities or to reunite them with their units. Sage-Popovich also sponsors scholarships for aviation and criminal justice students.

Dr. Edward Williams has been a pillar of the community of Northwest Indiana for many years. He is the president of OptiFormance Consulting Services, LLC. Working with people on personal development and customer service, Dr. Williams enjoys helping people reach their potential. Unofficially, he started his consulting business in 1988, providing services within churches, schools, and non-profits, before establishing the business as a formal entity in 1999. Dr. Williams is passionate about mentoring young people, and through his business and charitable endeavors, he has served as an inspiration to the youth of our community. He gives his time and support to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana, serving as a board member for over thirty years and two terms as board president. In addition, he is involved with the Community Foundation of Northwest Indiana and the Laini Fluellen Charities for breast cancer initiatives, among others.

Janice Wilson is the founder and retired CEO of NorthShore Health Centers. NorthShore was founded in 1995 in a high school as a clinic for teenagers, providing medical services while the students continued their studies. It has grown over the years to eight health centers and includes a dental clinic and behavioral health services, as well as three teen clinics throughout Northwest Indiana. The flagship clinic in Portage is now named in honor of Janice Wilson, and today, NorthShore serves more than 50,000 patients each year in Porter, Lake, and LaPorte counties. The organization continues its fundamental mission of serving the uninsured and underinsured. David Hall is the current CEO of North Shore, while Jan remains a consultant for the business. For her outstanding contributions to healthcare in Northwest Indiana, Janice has been named Citizen of the Year by the Greater Portage Chamber of Commerce, and

she is truly deserving of each and every honor bestowed upon her.

The recipient of the Enterprise of the Year Award is Cimcor, a global cybersecurity company located in Merrillville, Indiana. The company was founded by CEO Robert E. Johnson III and provides CimTrak software, offering intrusion detection and real-time remediation for their client's information technology systems and files. Some of Cimcor's reputable clients include NASA, the Chicago Stock Exchange, the United States Air Force, Cornell University, Nikon, and Zoom, among many others. Throughout the Coronavirus pandemic, Zoom has been imperative for families, businesses, schools, and government entities. Cimcor has provided security and compliance software to these organizations, proving to be a tremendous asset during these trying times. In addition to the United States, Cimcor serves twenty-seven countries in Europe, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Due to the outstanding leadership and employees at Cimcor who continue to innovate and develop new technologies, the organization continues to grow and expand worldwide.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my other colleagues to join me in commending these dedicated leaders and organizations upon their induction into the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame. They are truly deserving of this honor, and for their exceptional leadership and dedication to the region and beyond, each of them are worthy of the highest praise.

CONGRATULATING LEMBARD G.
"LEM" HOWELL ON RECEIVING
THE CHARLES A. GOLDMARK
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lem Howell on receiving the Charles A. Goldmark Distinguished Service Award. This award is presented to an individual or organization that has advanced the cause of equal justice.

Lem graduated from Lafayette College, with honors, in 1958 and then received his law degree from New York University in 1964. He went on to practice law in the state of Washington. Lem is a true champion of justice and never stopped fighting for what was right. He won landmark cases that significantly advanced civil rights in the state of Washington, including ensuring equality of opportunity for people of color in education and employment.

Throughout his truly legendary career he became one of the country's most prestigious civil rights lawyers and made a name as one of the best trial lawyers of his generation. He is also a co-founder of the Loren Miller Bar Association, a civil rights organization dedicated to fighting against discrimination and racism. Lem was a giant among men in the courtroom; his courage and devotion were unparalleled; and I am grateful for his work in advancing civil rights in Washington.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to congratulate Lem Howell on this well-deserved award and recognize his remarkable career.

HONORING ESHAWN PETERSON

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the invaluable contributions of Eshawn Peterson to the state of Arizona. As a champion for children and young adults, Ms. Peterson's storied career has bolstered the ladders of opportunity and equality for countless Arizonans across the state, and her lifetime achievement deserves to be forever etched in our historical record for all to remember.

For her tireless dedication to Arizona families, Ms. Peterson was one of the few who were recognized as a 2020 Angels in Adoption by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI). Founded in 2001, CCAI aims to ensure that every child experiences the support of a caring family. Each year, CCAI selects a handful of exceptional individuals, families, or organizations across the nation to receive the honor of Angels in Adoption. These honorees have gone above and beyond to demonstrate their unwavering commitment to improving the lives of children in need of permanent, loving homes. Ms. Peterson has made a personal pledge to spend her life giving more Arizona children a chance at finding a family who can give them the loving childhood she almost never had.

Growing up, Ms. Peterson spent eight years in our state's foster care system, separated from her six siblings. Her experiences fortified her strength, courage and faith. It also pushed her and her sister Jackie Phillips to create Onward Hope, Inc., a foster care and adoption agency that's rooted in her belief that every child should have a safe home and a loving family. For five years and counting, Ms. Peterson's organization has empowered children with a sense of strength and resiliency and help them successfully transition into the fulfilling life they deserve through mentoring, workshops and coaching. Her work so far has left an immeasurable mark on our state and its children.

Madam Speaker, I am privileged to recognize Eshawn Peterson for all the work she has done in communities across Arizona. My state is truly fortunate to have her working to improve the life of every child. I wish her the best as she continues her work to make the dream of a forever family a reality for so many children in need.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JACK
CLIFFORD "SOAP" FRANCIS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Jack Clifford "Soap" Francis, who passed away peacefully on September 9, 2020.

Soap was born on February 20, 1925 in Verona, Mississippi to parents Wiley and Ruby Francis. He was raised in Amory, Mississippi, where he graduated from high school in 1942. Upon his graduation, Soap attended Mississippi State University where he earned a

bachelor's degree and master's degree. His love for the Bulldog family persisted even after graduation, as he went on to endow a scholarship for a Monroe county student each year.

Soap's patriotism became evident when he volunteered for World War II as a freshman in college. He bravely served as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps as a Navigator on 35 missions from England over Germany. His crew's plane was crippled by blasts on Christmas Day of 1944 during Battle of the Bulge, but he safely returned home while still maintaining lasting friendships with his crew members.

After his time in the Army, Soap opened Francis Insurance in 1954 and later, Francis Realty after marrying his wife, Mary Lib. Soap served on the boards of the Mississippi Mutual Insurance Association and the National Bank of Commerce, and continued to run his businesses until the 1990's.

In his community, Soap was known as an active member of First Baptist Church, where he was a Deacon, Sunday School teacher, department superintendent, and usher with a pocketful of peppermints and a smile for everyone. Soap was also a dedicated Rotarian, touting an impressive 60 years of perfect attendance at club meetings across the globe. In his years of membership, he served as President of the Amory Club, endowed numerous fellowships dedicated toward eradicating polio, hosted an exchange student from Australia, and was affectionately named the "Ultimate Rotarian."

In his free time, Soap loved to play tennis or take a long bike ride down the Natchez Trace. He loved to travel both internationally and domestically, meeting new friends along his journeys. He was an avid musical theatre fan and original "foodie."

Soap was preceded in death by his son, Jack Francis, and is survived by his wife, Mary Lib Francis; daughters Beth and Patti Francis; and his grandchildren Mary Paige Hyland, Madison Francis, Ruby Ross, Violet Ross, Lulu Ross, Barrett Griffin, and Amory Griffin.

Jack Clifford "Soap" Francis' life was one of service, grace, and love for his family, community, and country. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

RECOGNIZING ANITA BEVACQUA
MCBRIDE ON BEING KNIGHTED
WITH HONOR OF "CAVALIERE"
OF THE ORDER OF MERIT OF
THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Anita Bevacqua McBride, the Vice Chair of Cultural Affairs of the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF), on receiving the Italian honor of "Cavaliere" of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, the highest-ranking honor of the Italian Republic. On October 7, Ambassador Armando Varricchio of Italy presented this high honor to Ms. McBride, a testament to her lifetime of extraordinary accomplishment in service of the humanities, culture, philanthropy, and diplomacy.

The daughter of Italian immigrants, Ms. McBride was born and raised in Bridgeport,

Connecticut. She received a degree in International Studies from the University of Connecticut and studied international relations and three languages at American University in Washington, D.C. and the University of Florence in Italy.

Ms. McBride currently serves as executive-in-residence at the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies in the School of Public Affairs at American University, where she directs the First Ladies Initiative, a project highlighting the legacies of America's first ladies and their historical influence on politics and policy.

Ms. McBride's White House service spans two decades and three administrations. From 1987 through 1992, Ms. McBride was Director of White House Personnel under Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. She later served as Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of State and White House Liaison from 2001 through 2003 under President George W. Bush.

From 2005 through 2009, Ms. McBride served as Assistant to President George W. Bush and Chief of Staff to First Lady Laura Bush, directing the staff's work on the wide variety of domestic and global initiatives including the First Lady's efforts to support U.S. foreign policy objectives in human rights, women's empowerment, global health and human freedom.

Ms. McBride has added to her distinguished career with several accomplishments in service of philanthropy and global leadership. Ms. McBride is a member of the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council, a historic public-private partnership to help Afghanistan's women rebuild their country and reclaim their place at the center of post-Taliban society. Ms. McBride served as a member of the U.S. delegations to the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women in 2002, the U.N. Commission on Human Rights in 2003, and the U.N. Special Session on HIV/AIDS in 2006.

Additionally, Ms. McBride is the recipient of several honors and awards including the U.S. Department of State's Meritorious Service Award, the United States National Guard and Reserve's Patriot Award, the University of Connecticut's President's Award of Distinction, American University's Alice Paul Award, and The Ellis Island Foundation Medal of Honor.

Ms. McBride is a role model for Italian Americans, for women, and for anyone aspiring to make a positive difference in the world. I am proud to rise today in recognition of her receiving the more than well-deserved honor of "Cavaliere" of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic.

THANKING CAL FUNG FOR HIS
SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY DURING
WORLD WAR II

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize Cal Fung for his courageous service to our country during World War II.

Cal Fung is a Chinese-American veteran who bravely accepted the call to protect and serve his nation. During World War II, Fung

was a staff sergeant and general clerk. He served in five European battles and campaigns. Fung is a recipient of the World War II Victory Medal and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. He was also awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

For far too long, our veterans of color, including Chinese-American veterans, did not receive the proper recognition they deserved for their service. Although we will never be able to thank him enough for his service to our nation, we remain grateful to Cal and the many veterans who have so selflessly answered the call to service.

Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I honor Cal Fung and all Chinese-American veterans for their distinguished service to our country during World War II.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
HONORABLE JOHN A. KELLEY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Honorable John A. Kelley for his service as a veteran of the U.S. Army, distinguished Federal Service Career of about 31 years, and to the Commonwealth of Virginia. He was a Director of the Northern Neck Soil and Water Conservation District (NNSWCD) representing the County of Northumberland Virginia for 2 terms of 4 years each helping provide oversight through leadership, education, and technical assistance for all resource users. Additionally, he served as the Chair of the Operations Committee for the NNSWCD during these 8 years that brought many improvements to the operation of the District.

He also served on the Potomac Watershed Roundtable, a Regional government-citizen forum that promotes collaboration and co-operation among local governments and stakeholder interest groups promoting conservation.

He was Chair of the Potomac Council for several years. It serves as a collaborative body promoting and facilitating water quality management practices necessary to achieve nonpoint source pollution reductions in the Potomac River Watershed.

He served almost 7.5 years on the Commonwealth Board for Waste Management Facility Operators, the last 3 as Chair. His outstanding leadership brought significant improvements and efficiencies to the functioning of the Board and operations.

Mr. Kelley served on the Board of Trustees of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra for many years. He was the Operations Committee head during this time, and helped improve operations of the organization.

At the Federal level, he served as the Director of Administration for the United States Commission of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. His efforts helped make the 200th anniversary of our constitution a magnificent success.

He was also the Executive Director of the U.S. Office of Special Council, improving the management processes and case tracking systems.

While working for the U.S. Army Assistant Secretary for Installations and Environment,

he worked on the housing privatization programs to provide soldiers globally with better base housing. He also worked on the reorganization of the Headquarters of the U.S. Army.

His management capabilities are evident throughout his career. Mr. Kelley is a patriot of the First Congressional District, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States. Without the full support of his loving wife, Hélène, it would be impossible for him to achieve his accomplishments. For his service to the nation, Madam Speaker, today it is my honor to recognize the Honorable John A. Kelley.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, due to a matter outside of my control, I was unable to participate in roll call number 218. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 218.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONGRESS COMMISSION ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the importance of establishing a Congressional Commission to Strengthen Representative Democracy. My legislation, the Congress Commission Act, would establish such a commission to analyze the current size of the House of Representatives, examine alternatives to the current method by which Members are elected, and study the harmful effects gerrymandering continues to have on our democracy.

Today, a Member of Congress represents an average of over 740,000 constituents, well over 10 times the number of constituents envisioned by the First Congress. The United States presents itself as the world's leading representative democracy. And yet, the House's weighty representative ratio makes the United States an outlier among the 35 nations in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, most of them highly developed, democratic states.

It has been nearly 110 years since the House of Representatives has increased its ranks even though the United States' population has more than tripled in size. It is time we examine how this institution is constructed, so we can make the necessary changes for a more equitable tomorrow. It is not only within the power of Congress to improve itself, but it has a responsibility to do so. Such an effort as embodied in my proposed Congressional Commission to Strengthen Representative Democracy will result in a Congress that better reflects the constituencies, states, and nation we serve.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this critically important legislation, so that we can better serve the American people.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHRISTEL DEHAAN

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Hoosier philanthropist, businesswoman and education advocate Christel DeHaan. After building the successful Resort Condominium International business, DeHaan spent the remainder of her years dedicated to philanthropy and education of children around the world. The City of Indianapolis, the State of Indiana and the philanthropy world recently lost a brilliant and generous woman on June 6, 2020.

Christel was born in Nordlingen Germany in 1942 to Anna and Adolf Stark. Her father, a German soldier, was killed during World War II. She left home at age 16 to become a governess in the United Kingdom. Four years later, she immigrated to the United States and eventually settled in Indiana. In 1974, she co-founded Resort Condominium International (RCI), a pioneering timeshare company, which became a leading company in the multi-billion-dollar industry. She co-led the business until 1987 when she bought 100 percent of RCI for \$67.5 million. She then expanded the business to over 4,000 employees until it was sold in 1996 for \$625 million.

DeHaan then began devoting her life to philanthropy and education by founding Christel House International in 1998. As founder and board chair, her mission was to better the lives of impoverished children through education, healthcare and other initiatives. Today, Christel House serves nearly 6,000 students and graduates worldwide through schools in India, Jamaica, Mexico, South Africa and the United States.

Her vision and dedication to improving the lives of children is a testament to the kind heart that she had. The philosophy that drives Christel House International is "giving kids a hand-up, not a hand-out." Throughout her lifetime, she generously donated more than \$220 million of her own money to various charities. She was a generous advocate for the fine arts in Central Indiana, leading to the fine arts center at the University of Indianapolis being named "The Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center."

DeHaan was featured on Forbes' list of America's Self-Made Women for the past five years, most recently with a net worth estimated at \$950 million. She was a shining example for girls all over the world of a "self-made woman." For this and many reasons, she was honored with three honorary doctorate degrees from Marian University, the University of Indianapolis and the University of Nottingham in England.

Christel DeHaan was a leader, a philanthropist and an inspiration for so many, including me. Her generosity, commitment and focus was rare and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her. I extend my deepest sympathy to those who survive including her older sister, three children, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Though Christel is gone, I know that her legacy will live on for generations through Christel House International and will continue to change lives around the world.

THANKING WILLIAM "BILL" CHIN FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize William Chin for his courageous service to our country during World War II.

William Chin is a Chinese-American veteran who bravely accepted the call to protect and serve his country. He joined the U.S. Army in December of 1943 and served in the 93rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron in the European theater. In recognition of Chin's service, he received the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

For far too long, our veterans of color, including Chinese-American veterans, did not receive the proper recognition they deserved for their service. Although we will never be able to thank him enough for his service to our nation, we remain grateful to Bill and the many veterans who have so selflessly answered the call to service.

Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I honor William Chin and all Chinese-American veterans for their distinguished service to our country during World War II.

IN HONOR OF DR. RANDALL SPINDLE'S RETIREMENT FROM SOUTHERN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a dear friend and classmate, Dr. Randall Spindle, in honor of his upcoming retirement from Southern Nazarene University (SNU) in Bethany, Oklahoma.

Long before he became a professor of history and business, I met Dr. Spindle as a fellow freshman classmate in the fall of 1969 at SNU. Little did I know at that time what a remarkable friend I had just made. His love and dedication for our alma mater has spanned decades and generations of students. He will be greatly missed when he leaves campus for the last time as a member of the faculty, but I imagine he will still be actively involved in SNU in his retirement.

Dr. Spindle's career touched on so many different facets of life on campus, much more than an ordinary professor. He viewed the school through many different perspectives, with each one allowing him to be a better leader on campus and for the thousands of students he helped educate.

His association with the school started long before I knew him. As a young teenager he earned his first paycheck digging trenches for the construction of Snowbarger Hall. Years later after his graduation from SNU, he returned to campus in 1976 and served as the Resident Director of Snowbarger Hall for three years, literally serving at a building he helped construct. During his time as Resident Director, he earned his master's degree, the first of

his advanced degrees. Randall would later complete a doctorate from Oklahoma State in 1981 and a law degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1991.

I can think of nobody else who has helped build as a teenager, went to as a college stu-

dent, and then taught for decades all at the same institution. This is the triple crown of loyalty, for which we honor him today. His dedication to the school is unmatched in both service and impact.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Randall Spindle's long career at Southern Nazarene University and wish him all the very best for a well-earned retirement.